



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT

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DURING

**THE GENERAL DEBATE ON ALL DISARMAMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENDA ITEMS
OF THE
FIRST COMMITTEE**

ON

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The Chairman of the First Committee,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I congratulate you, Mr. Chairman together with the members of the bureau on your election. Kenya assures you of our, cooperation and constructive engagement and ensuring fruitful deliberations throughout this session despite the challenges posed by the Covid – 19 pandemic.
2. Kenya aligns itself with the Statement delivered by the distinguished representatives of the African Group, the Non Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 and China .

Mr. Chairman,

3. My delegation recognises the value, immense contribution and essential work of the Conference on Disarmament, and that of the Disarmament Commission. Kenya strongly believes that disarmament can have a significant positive impact on development and looks forward to the convening of the Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. Resources saved during the disarmament process should be strategically and effectively integrated into nationally-owned and nationally-driven programmes that enhance socio-economic development and foster governance structures including those contained in the UN 2030 and AU 2063 Agendas.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Kenya recognises that international terrorism is dynamic and remains committed to countering terrorism and violent extremism as a threat to International Peace and Security. Our national strategy for countering violent extremism lays out non-coercive approaches to the prevention of violent extremism. To curb radicalization to terrorism, Kenya has rolled out and localized national strategy to all forty-seven (47) counties through the County Action Plans (CAPs). Kenya is looking to link all counterterrorism and prevention measures in support of global monitoring and evaluation measures. We welcome the United Nations Office of Counterterrorism Regional Office in Nairobi and look forward to collaboration and engagement in capacity building and technical support in implementing counterterrorism measures.

Mr. Chairman,

5. My delegation reaffirms Kenya's commitment to nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and calls for a world free of nuclear weapons. As we prepare for 10th NPT Review Conference, Kenya calls for the banning of nuclear weapons and endorses the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons; a critical milestone in achieving a nuclear-free world. The implementation of resolution 70/34 remains crucial to ensuring the effectiveness of multilateral disarmament initiatives.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Kenya calls for the banning of nuclear weapons testing and supports the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and was honored to participate in the High-Level Meeting to commemorate and promote the Ninth Observance of the International Day Against Nuclear Tests on 8th September 2021. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening for

signature of the CTBT in 1996. Kenya calls for the continued commitment to the treaty.

7. This annual meeting is essential in paying homage to the victims of nuclear tests, and to stand in solidarity with the long-term suffering and continued threat that nuclear tests pose to humanity, international stability and security.

Mr. Chairman,

8. Sustainable peace remains key to the achievement of International Peace and Security. Kenya recognises the role played by the Peace Building Commission in striving to maintain sustainable peace and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and calls for peaceful resolution as well as the implementation of measures in prevention of armed conflict and welcomes the reports of the special rapporteur on building international peace.

Mr. Chairman,

9. The availability and misuse of small arms and light weapons continues to contribute to global conflicts. Kenya was honoured to Chair and welcome the successful outcome of the Seventh Biennial Meeting of Member States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (BMS7) in July 2021. Kenya has taken important measures to implement the UN Programme of Action (PoA) on SALW. Strengthening policies and legislative frameworks to address national stockpile management of small arms and light weapons has been key to the implementation of the PoA.
10. Kenya has been pivotal in the establishment and financing of the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA), which coordinates action against proliferation of Small Arms and Light

Weapons in the Great Lakes region as well as the Horn of Africa and bordering states with a view to ensure the safe and secure sub-region free from arms proliferation.

11. The proliferation of small arms remains a threat and has resulted in transnational organized crime activities that continually threaten international peace and security. Kenya understands that it is critical to ensure follow-up mechanism and prioritize on the areas of convergence to achieve our shared objective on preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects.

Mr. Chairman,

12. Kenya calls for the continued implementation of the Convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical Weapons and on their Destruction.

Mr. Chairman,

13. The role of science and technology in the context of International Security and disarmament cannot be underestimated. Kenya welcomes the advancements made by the Open-Ended Working Group on the developments in the field of Information Communication Technology in the context of International Security.

In conclusion, Kenya looks forward to engaging further and more comprehensively during the thematic debates.

I thank you.

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